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Caster et al



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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Caster et al.

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Serial No.: 09/975,761

Group Art Unit: 1773

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Examiner: G. L. Knable

For: "Contact Metathesis Polymerization"

**REPLY**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Applicants respond to the Official Action dated 5/26/04.

Applicants note that a claim for the benefit of the earlier filing date of ser. no 09/772,157 was made in the filing papers of this application. The prior patent application claimed the benefit of the earlier filing date of the parent application ser. no. 09/209,706, filed Dec. 11, 1998. Applicants note that the relation-back statement in the present application is incomplete in that further reference was not made to copending ser. no. 09/209,706 and hereby include a revised relation-back statement. In the event a petition under 37 CFR 1.78 (a)(3), is required, the petition and fee payment are made in the cover letter accompanying this reply. The delay in claiming the benefit of the first filed case ser. no 09/209,706 was entirely unintentional.

Please amend the application as follows in the next sections.